(a) what it the extent and level of Indian Navy's cooperation with other countries;

(b) the countries with which die Indian Navy held joint exercises during the last year;

(c) what is the benefit which accrued to our Navy by the joint exercises; and

(d) what is being done to encourage joint cooperation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (d) During the year 1994, Indian Navy held Joint Naval exercises with Indonesia, Russia, Singapore and Malaysia. The Present extent and level of Indian Navy's cooperation with the Navies of other countries is considered adequate. Joint exercises promote confidence building, provide exposure to the latest technologies and facilitate exchange of views on professional matters. Joint cooperation- with friendly countries is an on-going process and the position is reviewed from time to time.

New Management Strategy in Indian Navy

6347. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the New Management Strategy of the Indian Navy;

(b) what is new in the NMS;

(c) when the NMS was introduced in the Indian Navy;

(d) what perceptible benefits did the NMS give over the earlier pattern; and

(e) by when the success or failure of NMS will be evaluated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) The thrust of the New Management Strategy (NMS) introduced in the Indian Navy provides for the Service Chief exercising enhanced financial powers in respect of revenue expenditure in consultation with a Financial Officer within the laid down guidelines. Phase-I of the NMS delegating new financial powers to the dockyards alongwith placement of Financial Advisor was introduced on 1.12.93. In Phase-II approved in November, 1994 the NMS has been extended to cover procurement for the Logistics branch.

(d) The introduction of NMS resulted in functional efficiency at various levels.

(e) It has been decided to introduce NMS in phases on an experimental basis. The success or failure of NMS can be evaluated after its full implementation when the concept stabilises and effectiveness reviewed.

Upgradation of MIG-21 BIS aircraft

6348. SHRI RAM RATAN RAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the upgradation of the MIG-21 BIS aircraft is being done;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) to what extent the Russian agencies are involved in the upgradation project;

(d) by when the upgraded MIG-21 BIS aircrafts will be operationally available; and

(e) what are the total funds required for this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (e) The Government have decided to upgrade MIG-21 BIS aircraft in association with Russian agencies. A letter of intent has been issued in March 1994 nominating Mikoyan Design Bureau as the prime contractors for design, development and light test. The upgraded version is to be productionised at HAL. Various systems/sub-systems proposed to be included in the upgraded package have been indentified and the final system

architecture and upgrade package have been finalised.

The total cost would be arrived at only after finalisation of the commercial aspects with the Russian agencies involved.

Strength of Territorial Army

6349. SHRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total authorised strength of the Territorial Army as on 1st April, 1995;

(b) what are the reasons for keeping the strength at such a low level;

(c) what is the total annual expenditure incurred on the Territorial Army; and

(d) what steps are being taken to encourage people to join the Territorial Army?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) The total authorised strength of the Territorial Army as on 1st April, 1995 is 39,338.

(b) The strength of the Territorial Army is fixed based on its concept and the requirements projected by different departments from time to time.

(c) The total annual expenditure incurred on Territorial Army during financial year 1993-94 was Rs. 29.13 crores. The Revised Estimates for the year 1994-95 is Rs. 36 crores.

(d) Publicity drives are arranged by the Territorial Army Directorate to encourage the people to joint the Territorial Army. Government have also allowed some benefits to TA personnel to make the TA more attractive.

मृत रक्षा कर्मचारियों के आश्रितों को प्रदान किया गया रोजगार

6350. प्रो॰ रामलखन सिंह वर्मा: क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) वर्ष 1993-94 और 1994-95 के दौरान मृत रक्षा कर्मचारियों के कितने आश्रितों को रोजगार उपलब्ध कराया गया है;

(ख) इस श्रेणी के अंतर्गत कितने मामले लंबित हैं और वर्ष 1995-96 के दौरान कितने व्यक्तियों को रोजगार उपलब्ध कराये जाने की संभावना है; और

(ग) सरकार, मृत रक्षा कर्मचारियों के परिवारों के सदस्यों की तकलीफों को दूर करने के लिए क्या उपाय कर रही है?

रक्षा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन): (क) से (ग) दिवंगत रक्षा कर्मचारियों के जिन आश्रितों को इन दो वर्षों के दौरान रोजगार प्रदान किया गया है, उनकी संख्या इस प्रकार है:—

वर्ष	संख्या
1993-94	1050
1994-95	2108

सभी पात्र आश्रितों को 1995-96 के दौरान अनुक्रम के आधार पर रोजगार दिए जाने के मामले पर रिक्त पदों की उपलब्धता के अनुसार विचार किया जाएगा।

दिवंगत रक्षा कर्मचारियों के आश्रितों को रोजगार सहायता के अलावा नियमों के अंतर्गत वहीदार अन्य कई लाभ दिए जाते हैं जैसे परिवार पेंशन, उपदान, भविष्यनिधि आदि का लाभ। दिवंगत रक्षा कर्मचारियों के परिवार के पेंशन सदस्यों की कठिनाइयों को दूर करने की दृष्टि से सरकार ने मुफ्त चिकित्सा सहायता, शिक्षा संबंधी रियायतें लड़कियों की शादी के लिए अनुदान जैसे कुछ कल्याणकारी सुविधाएं भी शुरू की हैं।

Naval capability of Pakistan

6351. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan is acquiring modern naval capability far in excess of its legitimate requirements for protecting its maritime interests which has posed a threat to India's maritime interests and can adversely affect the naval balance in the region; and